

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 13, 2007 has been received and reviewed. This response, submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), is directed to that action.

Claim 28 has been amended. In the above amendment, a flexible polymer binder is limited to the heterofunctional group modified silicone containing amino groups and alkoxy groups based on the description "The heterofunctional group modified silicone oil 4 used in the present example contains amino groups as the functional group capable of binding with an organic material of a grounding surface 1 of a tire or shoes and alkoxy groups as the condensation group capable of chemically binding with the fine antislipping agent silica 5 as an inorganic material.. • • were in contact with the road surface." on page 20, lines 11-pages 22, lines 12 and examples in the specification.

First of all, the claimed invention is clearly different from the teachings of Craven's and U.S. Patent No. 6,548,573 because Craven's and U.S. Patent No. 6,548,573 do not mention nor suggest the heterofunctional group modified silicone containing amino groups and alkoxy groups.

Secondly, we conducted the following additional experiment in order to state an excellent and unexpected effect for the heterofunctional group modified silicone containing amino groups and alkoxy groups compared to Craven. A signed Rule 132 Declaration will follow. Accordingly, it is clear that Crave did not contemplate the unexpectedly superior performance provided by the invention according to amended claim 28.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if it is believed that further amendment and/or discussion would help to advance the prosecution of the present application.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 28 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicant respectfully requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

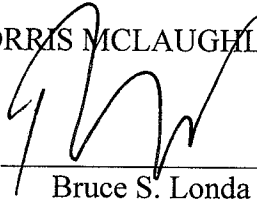
ADDITIONAL FEE

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